**From:** Sarah Gross
**To:** Kelley, Craig
**Subject:** Re: Cambridge City Council and the Israel BDS movement
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Thanks for getting back to me Craig.

I am very pro palestine I just am extremely anti BDS ESPECIALLY after meeting with palestinians who live within Israel and have said that BDS is really doing more harm than good there.

On top of that I completely agree regarding local government. Unless Cambridge wants to start "boycotts" of every country with human rights violations, why is Israel being singled out? I truly do not understand BDS activists.

On Fri, Apr 13, 2018 at 3:14 PM, Kelley, Craig <ckelley@cambridgema.gov> wrote:

> Thanks for your note, Sarah.
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> I know next to nothing about this except that I am being bombarded with emails from people who seem to know more and I found a flyer at the Kennedy School last week. I am meeting with pro and con folks next week and the week after to learn more.
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> Not having seen the resolution, which won't be officially posted until the Thursday before the Council meeting, I cannot say anything with surety except that I will not support an attempt to delegitimize Israel although I could be supportive of something that expresses concerns over some of Israel's policies without singling them out as the only nation in the world with problematic policies.
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> I also think this is a lousy way to manipulate local government. If we want to take stances on good and bad in the world, and arguably we should, it only seems fair that we do so via some agreed upon criteria that does not single out specific entities for the sake of political expedience.
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> But like I said, I actually have not seen anything for the Council yet so my opinion is not well informed.
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> Craig